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Sen. Fulbright Speaks Again

Senate debate on foreign policy may have been discouraged by President Johnson, as Walter Lippmann says on this page today, but the public owes a debt to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright for trying to keep it going.

On Sept. 15 he attacked the administration's armed intervention in the Dominican Republic. Now, on "Meet the Press," he has argued

again for a longer suspension of bombing raids on North Viet Nam, and criticized the increasing influence of the Defense Department and Central Intelligence Agency on policy-making.

His critics might remember that President Eisenhower, in his farewell address of 1961, warned against "unwarranted influence ... by the military-industrial complex." A debate on the subject is healthy.